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1. ASSUME DEPT. AND ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE FULL
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WHICH SEEMS TO SET SOVIET LINE ON JUST CONCLUDED
ASEAN-U.S. WASHINGTON TALKS. FOLLOWING POINTS
STRIKE US AS NOTEWORTHY:

-- COMMENTARY, LIKE LAST WEEK'S PRAVDA EDITORIAL

(REFTEL), CHARGES U.S. WITH SEEKING - UNSUCCESSFULLY - TO USE TALKS TO DRAW A RELUCTANT ASEAN INTO THE U.S. STRATEGIC-POLITICAL-ECONOMIC NET IN ASIA;

-- COMMENTARY PORTRAYS U.S. AS ATTEMPTING TO UNDERCUT CURRENT VIETNAMESE DIPLOMACY TOWARD ASEAN STATES. IT OBSERVES THAT U.S. SHOWED "ANXIETY" TOWARD "DEVELOPING CONTACTS" AMONG STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS IN SEA, AND CITES SECRETARY AS STATING THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT PLAN TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM AT THIS TIME;

-- IN THEIR RESPONSE, COMMENTARY HOLDS ASEAN STATES, PARTICULARLY PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND, EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT FOR "ACTIVE" DEVELOPMENT OF TIES WITH VIETNAM;

-- COMMENTARY STATES ASEAN REJECTED PRC EFFORTS TO FORM AN "ASEAN-PRC FRONT" IN ASIA;

-- CONCLUDING STATEMENT URGES ASEAN STATES TO CONCENTRATE THEIR ATTENTION INSTEAD ON "WIDENING INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION" IN THE INTERESTS OF REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

2. FOR EMBASSY SINGAPORE: OUR WEST GERMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLEAGUES INFORM US THAT SOVIETS ARE DISTRIBUTING IN ASEAN STATES ARTICLE BY SOVIET COMMENTATOR VIKTOR KUDRYAVTSEV WHICH DETAILS REVISED SOVIET POSITION TOWARD ASEAN. WEST GERMANS STATE THAT ARTICLE HAS NOT APPEARED IN SOVIET PRESS BUT WAS REPRINTED IN STRAITS TIMES. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR POUCHING US COPY OF ARTICLE. TOON

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